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1. MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MRS. GIEREK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
MRS. FORD AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR GUESTS. IT IS
A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY IN THE
VERY CENTER OF EUROPE, A COUNTRY WHICH IS SO RICH IN TRADITION
AND SO IMPORTANT IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD,
I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THE UNITED STATES
COMMITMENT TO FRIENDSHIP WITH POLAND. I AM DETERMINED TO
STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP.

2. WHEN WE MET IN WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER, FIRST SECRETARY
GIEREK AND I PLEDGED OUR COUNTRIES "...TO ACQUIRE A BETTER
KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUES." BOTH
NATIONS CAN TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN OUR PROGRESS TOWARD
THAT GOAL.

3. WE HAVE MADE IMPORTANT ADVANCES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATION-
SHIP. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE
DOCUMENTS WE SIGNED DURING THE FIRST SECRETARY' VISIT.
I AM PLEASED TO CITE:

---THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES TO INCREASE TRADE
AND COMMERCE;

---THE VISITS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR SCIENTISTS, INDUS-
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TRIAL AND MINING SPECIALISTS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS: AND

---THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS WHICH EACH YEAR
ENABLE MORE POLES AND AMERICANS TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND TO
EXCHANGE IDEAS.

4. THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY PRESENTED "THE WORLD OF
FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON" BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION IN WARSAW.
IT VIVIDLY DEPICTED AMERICA'S PAST AND POLAND'S LONG AND
CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US. YOU MAY REMEMBER ONE OF BEN-
JAMIN FRANKLIN'S REMARKS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION.
ACCORDING TO FRANKLIN, "HUMAN FELICITY IS PRODUCED NOT
SO MUCH BY GREAT PIECES OF GOOD FORTUNE THAT SELDOM HAPPEN,
AS BY LITTLE ADVANTAGES THAT OCCUR EVERY DAY."

5. WE HAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF GREAT VISION IN POLAND AND
RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES REALLY COMES FROM THE MILLIONS
WHO GIVE FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR
GOVERNMENTS.

DISTINGUISHED HOSTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO
JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO ALL POLISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS --
SCHOLARS, WORKERS, SCIENTISTS, WORKERS, FARMERS,
WRITERS, MUSICIANS AND OTHERS -- WHO DAY BY DAY ARE STRIVING
TO DEVELOP THE "LITTLE ADVANTAGES" SO IMPORTANT TO THE
GROWING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
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